



January Meeting Invitation
6:30 p.m., January 16th, 2007
Renaissance Garden Ornaments
3209 Madison Rd., Cincinnati (Oakley)

AGENDA OVERVIEW

6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Refreshments – Gerri Jones & Nancy Grace
7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting	
7:30 p.m.	Speaker & Topic	Julia Murphy, will speak on Garden Ornamentation

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Guest Speaker: Julia Murphy, Horticulturist and Manager of Renaissance Garden Ornaments in Oakley

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monthly Meetings	January 16 February 20 March 20 April 27 May 15 June 19 July 17 August 21 September 18 October 16 November 20 December	The Levee Perk (6:30 pm) (TBA)
Cincinnati Flower Show	April 21-29	Coney Island
11 th Annual Garden Walk	June 23 & 24	Newport 10 am - 4 pm
Garden Walk Post Party	June 24	TBA
Christmas Party (Members Only)	TBA	TBA

OFFICERS

President..... Bruce Murray (859) 261-4940
Vice President Marybeth Crocker (859) 431-7607
Treasurer..... Monica Gardner (859) 581-6484
Secretary..... Rene McPhedran (859) 291-2565

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, November 21st, 2006

Welcome & Thanks: Carla Ballard welcomed everyone and thanked Jane & Kevin Murphy & Elizabeth Shely for providing the evening's libations. Amy and Ella of The Levee Perk were thanked for the wonderful food.

Check Presentation: Ms. Ballard then presented a check for \$1,059 from the Club to Molly Reihl and Marissa Williams for the Boys & Girls Club of Newport. Ms. Reihl and Ms. Williams gave a brief overview of their activities. The Boys & Girls Club served children from 6 to 18 years of age and provides after school programs. The Club thanked the ladies for their good work in our community. Ms. Reihl and Ms. Williams thanked the Club for the donation. Ms. Ballard then called the Business Meeting to order.

Speaker: Marybeth Crocker led an informal discussion with the Club members on "Winterizing" the garden. She also distributed handouts on Rose Care.

Minutes & Treasurer's Report: The October minutes were distributed for review and approved. Monica Gardner presented the Treasurer's report. As of November 21st, the current balance in the account is \$13,400.

Old Business:

3rd & Park Garden: John Brewer reported that Nick Rouse has confirmed that the City of Newport would pay for the water bill for the sprinkler system.

4th Street Elementary Project: Gerri Jones reported that they would be working 5th Graders in the Brighton Street after school program on bulb plantings.

2007 Garden Walk Update: Ms. Jones distributed a copy of the letter that has been sent to 12 garden owners. The date of the 2007 Walk is June 23 & 24. To recap, the selection criteria is: INTERESTING PLANT SELECTIONS, GREAT USE OF SPACE, WATER FEATURES, HARDSCAPING AND GOOD INGRESS, EGRESS.

2007 Officer Nominations: Carla Ballard presented the slate of 2007 ERGC officer positions: Vice President: Mary Beth Crocker, Treasurer: Monica Gardner, Secretary: Rene McPhedran. Vice President Bruce Murray will become President. After discussion, she called for approval and after a second from Larry Lewis, the 2007 slate was approved.

December Christmas Party: Dorothy Cain reported that the Christmas Party will be December 12 at the World Peace Bell Center, on the 2nd floor. There will be music, food, wine & beer. Every "household" is asked to bring a gift valued at \$30 for the exchange. The event is open to all paid members, but an RSVP will be required.

New Business:

January Refreshments: Gerri Jones and Nancy Grace volunteered to provide the libations for the January meeting.

"Sage Advice" & Miscellaneous: Pat Budd reminded everyone that the East Row Foundation neighborhood party would be held on December 5, from 7-9 at Captain's Cove.